

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

It is an object of this invention to allow easy recognition of the contents of a motion image file when INDEX is displayed. To achieve this object, an image
5 playback apparatus includes a playback device adapted to play back from a recording medium a plurality of image files each having motion image data, a display device having a function of displaying on the same screen representative images of a plurality of image files recorded on the
10 recording medium by using the image files played back by the playback device, a selecting device adapted to select an arbitrary one of the plurality of representative images displayed on the display device, and a control device
15 device such that the display form of the representative image selected by the selecting device differs from the display form of other representative images.